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Partly
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Monday
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Tuesday
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Wednesday
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Thursday
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Light Rain
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■ **REACHING THE TOP:** Funeral director Tracey Warren

Tracey makes the grade

CREWKERNE funeral director Tracey Warren, of A E Stoodley & Son Independent Funeral Directors, has been awarded the Foundation Degree in Funeral Service which is the highest qualification obtainable within the funeral profession.

She is one of only ten funeral directors in the country to hold this prestigious accolade.

Tracey said: "This has been a very rewarding three years of study at Bath University and I would like to thank my colleagues, clergy and the local community for giving me the encouragement, support and assistance with my dissertations."

"My final research project concerning baby boomer attitudes to the green funeral movement has now become part of our business policy, and we are offering families many more green and bespoke funeral options. This degree has therefore not only benefited my knowledge of the profession but has enhanced our high level of customer service within the community."

Tracey will be one of the guest lecturers at "Death, the Southbank Festival of Living" at London's Southbank Centre this month. She is also happy to talk to local organisations about the history of the funeral service and funeral pre-planning. Tracey can be contacted on 01460 73229.

Jubilee celebration

A PUBLIC meeting is being held today to discuss and plan a community event in Clapton and Wayford to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June.

The planning meeting takes place at 7.30pm on Friday, January 20th, in Clapton and Wayford Village Hall.

A spokesman for the organisers said: "We are meeting to finalise events for the various parts of the exciting afternoon that will live forever in our children's hearts."

The jubilee day will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, June 4th, when the Queen celebrates 60 years on the throne.

The Clapton and Wayford party will include live music, a licensed bar, a bouncy castle, a raffle and tombola, dancing to 1950s music, children's sports and games, a fancy dress competition, lots of food, and stalls.

More details will be released nearer the date.

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Rotary delighted with bumper year for shop

by Alex Alexander

GOOD causes in and around Crewkerne - and in some far-flung parts of the world - are set to benefit from the generosity of the town and the efforts of its two Rotary clubs.

Members of the 40-strong Crewkerne Rotary Club and the 20-strong Crewkerne District Rotary Club took it in turns to staff the Christmas period charity shop in the town centre, which opened on November 23rd and closed last Saturday.

Volunteer Sandra Shore, of the Crewkerne District Rotary Club, told the *Weekender*: "It's been absolutely brilliant. People brought in lots of things for us to sell."

"We've had TVs, exercise equipment, goalposts, books, clothes, shower trays, glassware, cameras."

She said the single item which raised the most money for Rotary was a tip-top condition, four-year-old flat-screen television that went for £130.

"People have been really quite generous," she said.

Roger Fowler, a member of the Crewkerne Rotary Club, echoed her comments and again praised the generosity of local people.

He also revealed that Christmas 2011 - the fifth season running that Rotary has opened a charity shop in Crewkerne - had been a bumper year.

"We have served 4,800 paying customers over the last eight weeks, with a footfall (the number of shop



■ **HAPPY CUSTOMER:** Edwina Richardson (left) bags another bargain in the last of her several forays into the Rotary charity shop with help from Saturday volunteers Alison Deeley (centre) and Sandra Shore

visitors) of 30,000.

"In the first few days, we were so busy that people sometimes had a job getting in!"

The Rotary Club team, which manned the shop during the week, took an estimated £13,350 in total, while the District team, who staffed the shop on Saturdays, took an estimated £2,000.

The money will be distributed to several good causes in and around the town, and much further afield in the coming weeks.

Sandra Shore said: "We especially try to help small organisations in the town that are struggling to raise money."

Mr Fowler said the proceeds would be shared among local organisations, including playgroups and schools, village halls, hospices, and the Air Ambulance.

On the international front, some of the money will be earmarked for Polio Plus,



■ **SEE YOU NEXT WINTER:** Rotarian Roger Fowler prepares to shut-up shop - but is looking forward to another bumper Christmas in 2012

Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate the disease once and for all.

Mr Fowler said the disease is now found in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, and Nigeria. A quarter of a century ago, it was endemic in

125 countries.

● The remaining retail stock, donated by the people of Crewkerne, has been given to the Brainwave charity.

Earlier this week, Brainwave took over the Market Street shop that had been used by Rotary.

Crewkerne news

Citizenship Award

THE TIME has come once again for residents of Crewkerne to nominate the person they think should be considered as an honoured citizen of the town.

The purpose of the award will be to enable the town to recognise those who have contributed most towards the benefit of the town and its citizens. Nominations are requested from persons on the Parliamentary Electoral Roll for Crewkerne, to be received by the Town Clerk by Thursday, March 8th 2012. The details required for all nominees are: full name and address; age; period of residence in Crewkerne - if appropriate and a comprehensive reasons for nomination.

Nominations must be from individuals not organisations or societies and be signed by three individual electors and nominees should not be told of their nomination.

Serving councillors are not eligible to this award.

Address nominations to: The Town Clerk, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne TA18 7LN (Nomination forms are available from the Community Office and Town Council Office or on the website at www.crewkernetown.org/Town-Council).

Solar panels

PLANNERS at South Somerset District Council are preparing to consider a retrospective application for a ground-mounted array of solar panels in the garden of Tudor Cottage, Pulmans Lane, Crewkerne.

The application is for Listed Building consent and was submitted by Neil Mackintosh.

It is for two arrays of ten panels that were installed before Christmas following advice from a district planning officer that there would be no official objection.

The application states: "The solar panels will produce electricity for use by the homeowner and the surplus fed into the national grid."

"Each array is 8.18 metres long by 1.4 metres wide."

The application is set to be decided by February 16th.

Councillors' surgery

CREWKERNE residents can this weekend take advantage of a regular monthly opportunity to raise matters of concern with town councillors.

Members will be on hand at the Community Office in the Town Hall to chat informally about any relevant matters of concern.

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New skatepark and multi games area for Ilminster

RESIDENTS in Ilminster will soon be benefitting from new sporting facilities on the recreation ground with the installation of a multi-use games area (MUGA) and a new concrete skatepark.

Complaints about a lack of provision for the youth of the town have been rife since the removal of a skateboard ramp which had become dangerous after damage by vandals.

The new equipment, due to be fitted in the spring, will be a substantial investment by Ilminster Town Council which has pledged up to £80,000 towards the project, which is likely to cost in the region of £140,000.

Additional funding of up to £35,000 has been promised by South Somerset District Council and it is hoped the council will also be successful with other grant applications.

Town council finance chairman David Miller said the council recognised the substantial economies to be achieved by combining these two projects and decided to press

ahead with both of them. He added: "The council installed the original skatepark in 2002 which proved very popular but insufficiently robust.

"Following our experience we are confident that the new skateboard equipment will be well-used and it also demonstrates our commitment to the younger generation.

"At a cost of less than 60 per cent to the council we are convinced that this represents a good deal for the town."

For this project to be successful it was clear that the opinions and support of the teenagers who would be the main users was needed.

A productive meeting was arranged with councillors, staff, and the pupils of Swanmead School when pupils articulated clearly what they thought was needed and were even prepared to help in fundraising.

Following this the team met with manufacturers to listen to proposals and discuss requirements, with the priority being to provide facilities which were both safe and sufficiently ro-

bust to stand up to rough usage.

Councillors gave the go-ahead for the MUGA following the advice of SSDC's play and youth facilities officer Adrian Moore, who outlined its benefits.

Mr Moore has been active in the creation of new facilities in Crewkerne, Chard and Merriott over the last two years, where additional funding from the Lottery and Yarlinton Homes was obtained.

Councillor Miller said: "The major decision to be made was where to place the MUGA. There were only two sensible options, adjacent to the tennis courts or to the skateboard area and again, with the advice of South Somerset's recreation officer, the optimum site, with a particular emphasis on the safety of the users, was identified. This placed the MUGA between the skatepark and the toilets."

An official opening of the new facilities is due to take place in early summer.

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New couple at pet shop

■ OLD SHOP NEW START: Jo and Jamie Guildford new owners of Fur Fin and Feather

by Marion Draper

ANIMAL lover Jamie Guildford is happy to have swapped his supermarket night shift to pursue a new daytime life as the owner of the established pet shop Fur Fin and Feather in Holyrood Street, Chard, together with his wife Jo.

The couple were originally from Martock and spent some time living in Ilminster but have been in Chard for the last eight years.

They took over the business as a going concern, with a small amount of stock, just over a week ago and are busy making their own mark and building things back up, whilst retaining the established brands and services, such as local delivery.

The whole family are excited about the new venture which they hope will give them more time together.

Mr Guildford said: "Our two girls run to get here after school and they have been helping sweep and tidy up to earn extra pocket money.

"After seven years of nights I love being able to sleep at night and get up in the morning to come here to work. We always wanted to be in the animal trade and when this came up it was just the job, it's great to be able to be working in the same town you live in."

Mrs Guildford is carrying on her job at the Ilminster branch of Tesco while they settle in and get organised but is looking forward to taking her turn in the shop as well.

She said: "We have always been animal orientated, the kids love animals too. We used to have staffies but now we have cats, guinea pigs and reptiles at home. We are really looking forward to offering a good service to pet owners and their animals will always be

welcome in the shop too.

"I do like living in Chard, it's a very friendly place and we do have a lot of shops here but I think there are some people who just look at the main street and don't explore all the way down to places like ours.

"It is exciting but a bit scary too, there is a lot to learn, like the tropical fish at the back of the shop which have to be treated carefully, and all the ordering codes.

"It's great though, being able to help someone find what they need and getting it in for them on a next day order and I love that Jamie and I will be working together."

The shop name will be staying the same and the Guildfords look forward to a long and happy relationship with customers old and new.

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Friends boost the image of station

NINE Friends of Crewkerne Station gathered to meet the 11.49 from London on Tuesday morning.

On board was South West Train's Phil Dominey, the company's Southampton-based Stakeholder and Accessibility Manager, carrying a cheque for £200.

The sum is SWT's contribution towards the £400 cost of five new planters which the Friends installed on the platform last weekend.

Group secretary Gail Coleshill said the purpose of Tuesday's meeting was two-fold: to receive the cheque and two discuss other ways of improving the facilities at the station.

The list of topics included improvements to the station's exit signs, the position and content of noticeboards, and access to the platform opposite the booking office so that the Friends can spruce it up.

Friends founder-member Robbie Heyd-Smith said: "We think plants will cheer up the platform for passengers when they arrive at the station.

"The Friends are also trying to make sure that information for passengers is clearly available and that their

by Alex Alexander

travel experience is good."

Jo Spitelier, who lives near the station added: "South West Trains seem very pleased that we are taking such an interest in the station."

Members of the friends group had been hoping to meet a pair of senior SWT executives on Tuesday, Customer Services Director Jake Kelly and Area Manager for the West of England line Tim Forshaw.

But the pair had to miss the meeting in order to deal with an urgent engineering problem elsewhere on the network.

But Mr Dominey, who used to be a guard on the line running through Crewkerne, said he was happy to step in and meet the station's Friends.

"They are a very welcome addition to what South West Trains is doing to encourage community relationships."

• The Friends of Crewkerne Station formed last autumn and have nearly 70 supporters.

The five planters were made possible with grants from Somerset County Council and South West Trains.

Local store Countrywide also supplied the compost and plants at cost price as their contribution to the project.

The next regular meeting of the Friends will be on Wednesday, February 29th, at 7.30pm in the Old Stagecoach Inn.



■ THIS IS FOR YOU LOT: Phil Dominey hands a £200 cheque to Friends chairman Tony Reese



■ NICE TO MEET YOU: The Friends of Crewkerne Station secretary Gail Coleshill and chairman Tony Reese welcome Phil Dominey (left) to Somerset



■ SAY IT WITH FLOWERS: Phil and the Friends have a close look at one of the new planters

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Second time lucky for Arthur

IT was second time lucky for Arthur Lett when a "prize draw team" descended on his home with some bottles of bubbly and a rather large cheque: £20,000!

The team originally called round to Hawthorne Close, Crewkerne, just before Christmas to give Arthur,

78, some timely good news.

Unfortunately, he and his wife Carol were away enjoying a winter holiday.

So the team from PCH Prizes popped back last week and gave stunned Arthur the surprise of his

life.

"Arthur was left virtually speechless when he opened the front door and was handed a £20,000 cheque," said a PCH spokesman.

"Happily, he was at home this time and the cheque was handed over

to a delighted Arthur.

"Unfortunately, his wife Carol had popped out to the shops, so she missed it again!

"Arthur had absolutely no idea he had won anything. The first he knew about it was when our team turned up in a PCH Prizes-branded taxi with his cheque.

"£20,000 is a huge amount of money and we're delighted for him."

When the reality of the situation dawned on Arthur, he summoned neighbours Phyllis Coles, and Leonard and Ruby Pitman, to toast his good fortune with some sparkling champagne.

He said later that he could not believe he had really won, adding: "I've never won anything before and this is such a huge amount of money.

"I enter the free PCH prize draws every morning, but my wife said I was wasting my time as I'd never win.

"This just proves that it can happen. But you have to be in it to win it!

"I think we'll spend some of the money on



■ **WHOOPEE:** Reality sinks in and the bubbly starts flowing. Sharing Arthur's magic moment are (from left) neighbours Leonard and Ruby Pitman, and Phyllis Coles, with PCH team members Amanda Fox and Holly Skelton



■ **YOU MUST BE JOKING:** Prize draw winner Arthur Lett can't yet believe he really has won £20,000 — even though the beaming team from PCH insist he has

doing-up the house."

Arthur won after entering an on-line PCH prize draw that offers people the chance to win cash prizes for free.

• Wikipedia describes New York-based PCH as "a multi-channel direct marketing company that offers discounted magazine subscriptions and household merchandise to consumers with the chance to enter and win one of many ongoing sweepstakes".

Grant aid from Rotary Club

THE ROTARY Club of Crewkerne is inviting applications for grant aid by local clubs and causes from their community funding project.

The club raises funds as a result of the generosity and support for the community and believes these funds should be prioritised to aid local appeals, activities and organisations as much as possible.

Applications are invited from the Crewkerne and district area by non-profit organisations, clubs and individuals who have projects for which they are raising funds, equal weight will be

given to individuals and organisations. Apply to David Welch at david303welch@btinternet.com for a form, the offer remains open until March 31st.

The club cannot support any appeal for a business or profit making organisation or one which pursues religious or political aims.

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Street pastors join the link

CHARD Street Pastors will now be part of the Townlink radio system thanks to their new radios obtained by PC Paul Thomas for their use whilst on their regular night patrols.

Constable Thomas has been very supportive of the pastors since they started operating in the town in March 2011 and said they have had a fantastic impact, particularly interacting with the youths and picking up broken glass.

He obtained funding of £1,000 for the four new radios through the Safer Somerset Partnership Antisocial Behaviour Strategy Group.

Townlink enables participating

by Marion Draper

shops and bars to communicate quickly with each other and the police when trouble arises.

The Street Pastors will be another link in the chain of communications, making the night time economy safer for them and for the rest of the town.

Coordinator Nat Thomson said their work was going really well within Chard and currently four new volunteers were training with the Taunton Street Pastors and should be on the beat in Chard soon.

Street Pastors work through the night, offering aid to anyone who

needs it, whether it be a listening ear, a pair of flip flops for sore feet or pointing someone worse for wear in the right direction home.

They distribute spikeys - special straws that prevent bottles from being spiked with drugs - and bottles of water for the dehydrated.

While the teams are on the streets they have back up prayer pastors in the Baptist Church praying for them and as a support base to go back to. Although people must be affiliated to a church to join them, it is not their remit to go out and preach and they will only talk about their religious beliefs if asked to do so.



■ NEW EQUIPMENT: Chard Street Pastors Adrian Portway, Jacquie Wheatley and Nat Thomson with PC Paul Thomas, PCSO Richard Oaten and PC Jenni Atkinson



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■ DODGY DEALINGS: Grinning Old Nick, of the Langport Mummers, contemplates catching the soul of St George in his saucepan. But George's mum has other plans...

OLD Nick, the Black Knight, and Patron Saint George of England together with his mum, were among 100 guests at the annual Barrington Court Wassail on Tuesday night.

The purpose of the event, now in its seventh year, is to ward-off evil spirits from the cider orchard at Barrington with tree songs, blessings and incantations - and a shotgun ceremony!

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Students learn musical skills on handbells

PUPILS at Combe St Nicholas Primary School had a unique experience when they got their first taste of handbell ringing in a new lunchtime workshop.

The five girls were shown the special bells, which unlike the old fashioned school bell that could be rung in any direction, have a clapper that is designed to move to and fro and only need

By Marion Draper

a simple flick of the wrist to ring. Each bell is numbered and the children had to follow each other's numbers on the music sheet and only ring when it was their turn. They soon learned a new term - a "twirly", which is someone who rings too soon.

Under instruction of

members of the Combe St Nicholas Handbell Ringers, the children played the Westminster chimes within the first 10 minutes and were able to perform "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" with harmonies for their teachers after only 15 minutes.

Ringer Sue Lloyd, whose

husband Philip is the group's musical director, said: "We have been going about five years and desperately wanted to get young people interested. We want to get them to a stage that they can perform for the parents later in the term."

Combe St Nicholas Handbell Ringers group meet on a Monday at a member's home but they would love to increase

their number. They play at homes for the elderly and at weddings and in churches, but their music is not always what people may think. Recently, Mr Lloyd set the group a real challenge to learn "A Whiter Shade of Pale" by 1960s band Procul Harum.

For more details about the handbell ringers, call Sue Lloyd 01460 66449.



■ **MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER:** Handbell ringers Philip Lloyd, Lesley Griffiths and Sue Lloyd with pupils of Combe St Nicholas Primary School

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■ **SRI LANKAN LINKS:** Bishop Dhilo with Rosanne Barritt, the Reverend Sue Green and children and staff of Buckland St Mary CE VA Primary School

Sri Lankan bishop visits school

BUCKLAND St Mary CE VA Primary School children were treated to a visit by Bishop Dhilo and his wife, from Sri Lanka recently.

The school has set up a link with Paynter Home, a school and children's home in Sri Lanka. The Reverend Sue Green, the local vicar, and Rosanne Barritt a parishioner, have both spent time in Sri Lanka volunteering.

The Bishop came to talk to the children about his

country and to give them some idea of the children's lives in the Paynter Home. The students from Buckland St Mary had many questions to ask him.

Church warden and school governor, Vicki Bell, said that the Bishop's next stop on his busy schedule had been with the Archbishop of Canterbury, so they felt very fortunate that he found time to stop by at the school.

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■ CHARITY SKITTLES: Harry, Jeremy and Luke Mitchell

HEADING for the big five-0 this year, Jeremy Mitchell is busy training and fundraising for his third London Marathon in aid of a cancer charity, and kicked off with a charity skittles night at the Royal Oak in Ilminster on Friday.

Mr Mitchell is aiming to raise £2,000 for children with cancer. He previously ran for breast and skin cancer charities. Like many, Mr Mitchell's family has been touched by the disease and, as a fit man himself, he wants to do anything he can to help others less fortunate.

The first of his round of fundraisers, held with family support, was a great success making £154.

Mr Mitchell said: "We would like to thank all who helped raise money for the charity because without your kind and generous support, this

couldn't have happened.

"Special thanks to Steve and Cindy of the Royal Oak for providing the venue on Friday and making this night a success, along with everyone who came along and supported us.

"Also big thank you for draw prize donations, especially Bonners the butcher and Darren Manley."

Mr Mitchell said he and his family enjoy keeping fit, often cycling together, and he and wife Jane are currently running the Ilminster under13s football team. Mr Mitchell added: "The London Marathon is the hardest to train for because there is a lot of winter training, pounding the lanes in the dark.

"I will be doing the Taunton half marathon as part of my training. The last two times, I have injured myself during training and the worst part was after about 18 miles when the soreness really kicked in and I spent the last six miles stopping and starting.

"I did make friends along the way and the atmosphere is incredible.

"Another reason I am doing it this year is because last year was our silver wedding anniversary and my 50th birthday is coming up, so we will go to London for the weekend and are taking the family up."

Next month the Mitchells will hold a coffee and cakes event in the Market House and a bingo night, watch out for them on our diary date pages.

If you have a story for Crewkerne, Chard or Ilminster, contact Marion Draper on 07771 641506



DESPITE her work within the community, there are still those that have never heard of the Tesco Ilminster community champion.

Nicky De Ath has been doing the job for the last two and a half years, helping with fundraisers in Ilminster and the surrounding villages, as far afield as Buckland St Mary, Kingsbury Episcopi and Merriott.

The mother of two, married to a lorry driver, was brought up in Horton but is now living in Ilminster. She used to work in Oscar Mayer but joined Tesco when the new store was opened in 2007.

Nicky tries to be very pro-active within her role as community champion, supporting schools with their healthy eating programmes where possible and helping find prizes for fundraising raffles. She also played a part in the Samaritans Purse Shoebox appeal, helping at the packing warehouse and supplying refreshments for the team.

Last year, Nicky helped Swanmead gardening club with tools and seeds and this year would like to expand on that with other schools, getting them growing healthy foods.

● **YOU must find being a community champion very rewarding?**

Yes I do, as a local person, it is nice to think I can get involved in the community and so they don't just think of us as Tesco the supermarket. Ilminster is a very community-minded place to live.

● **WHAT has been your favourite part of the job?**

The shoebox appeal gave me a lot of enjoyment personally. I know they go abroad but it is nice to think of all those smiling faces when they receive them. I have been involved for the last two years, I hadn't heard about it before that, and there are some lovely things that go into those boxes that the children here have done with sure care. My kids did one each and they loved doing it.

● **DO you have a current project?**

Tesco charity of the year is the Alzheimers Society, which ends soon. My target was £4,000 and I am on the last £800 so am organising another ladies night at the Shrubbery.

The one I organised last year for CLIC was very successful and raised £1,000. I am organising a staff skydive next month as well.

● **DO you garden?**

I do like gardening and we used to have one in Horton but we don't have much space now. It is nice to see something grow from seed, I enjoy growing flowers the most.

● **WHAT do you like about Ilminster?**

I love the friendliness of everyone and it's such a lovely pretty town. Coming here from a village like Horton, it didn't really feel like a town because it is so community based, a lovely place to live and work.

● **DO you have any hobbies?**

Cooking, gardening and family things. I like to make nice big home-cooked family meals and it's lovely when the kids help me if they are not too busy.

● **WHICH Schools did you go to?**

I went to Neroche Primary School then Holyrood in Chard. I did do cookery at school and enjoyed it then as well.

● **IF you could meet anybody, who would it be?**

Robbie Williams, I am a huge fan. I went to see the Take That concert last year in Cardiff, I had never been to one before and loved everything about it.

● **IF you were to be a cartoon character, who would you be?**

I'd be Marge Simpson. I love "The Simpsons" because they are just a family, although my husband is not Homer Simpson!

● **DO you have any unfulfilled ambitions?**

I'd like to drive a Formula1 car. I keep meaning to do the Marie Curie women's driving challenge but haven't found anyone to go with me. I don't want to do it on my own. When we moved I drove a two and a half ton lorry, that was bad enough!

● **IF you won the lottery what would you do?**

I wouldn't want to win too much, I wouldn't know what to do with it all, but it would be nice to treat all my friends and family to a big party, buy a nice big house in Ilminster and a sports car.

It would be great to be able to build Ilminster a sports centre, that's something we really need here.

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MP in the hot seat

LOCAL MP David Laws will be the special guest at an anniversary "chat show" taking place at the David Hall, South Petherton, early next month.

Event spokesman David Lingham, who will be interviewing Mr Laws, said: "South Petherton's own chat show will celebrate five years in 2012, so who better to have back than the very first guest who appeared in 2007 — David Laws, our local MP.

"David has seen a lot of changes since his last appearance here, and it will be fascinating to get an insight from him about having been in the spotlight during that time.

"We are also delighted to confirm that Robin Ballard will be along to tell us about his interesting and varied life, including his medical training and background in the UK, Iran and Africa.

"He also has wide interests in the parish with connections to the infants school, the eclectic band of clock winders, and the church.

"He is well known as an excellent

raconteur, talks often about Georgian properties, and promises to be very entertaining."

• Tickets for the event, which takes place on Friday, February 3rd, are priced at £6 and are available from the hall's website at: www.thedavidhall.org.uk

The event is a fundraiser for the hall.



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the performances and the value of this charity's

work. Thank you too for your great support with

costumes. We are already booked for next Christmas at Cricket, it is such

a great link for the school and we are so grateful they have continued it."

TATWORTH Primary School took a record amount for the Children's Hospice South West in collections made during their Christmas productions at the end of term.

Members of the school council were delighted to be able to present the giant cheque for £1,485 to the charity's fundraiser Louise Turner, along with Caroline Dowell of the CHSW Chard and Ilminster Friends Group.

The Nativity plays held at the school and performance of Scrooge at the Warner Leisure Cricket St Thomas Hotel were a huge success and, thanks to the generosity of their audiences, the collection was hailed as the most ever by headteacher David Knight.

He said: "Thank you for all your wonderful support. I feel this is a reflection of the quality of



■ **MOST EVER:** Tatworth school council and headteacher David Knight with CHSW fundraiser Louise Turner and Caroline Dowell of the Chard and Ilminster Friends Group

Brothers return at new venue

THREE brothers who play together as the band Wise Intentions made their second appearance in Ilminster at the ever popular live band night at the Royal Oak on Friday last week.

The teenagers were given their first introduction to Ilminster by the landlord Steve Rutter in November 2010, when he ran the Crown, and were pleased to be able to return and play in the Royal Oak, Ditton Street.

Working under their professional names of Scott, Grant and Blake Valor, the brothers who are still only in their teens with Scott being the youngest at 16, have been playing for four and a half years as a group and have written 100 songs but also play covers of acoustic rock ballads. They opened their set at Royal Oak with an excellent rendition of Pink Floyd's The Wall.

Their single launched for Shelterbox - To Help Them - is still selling well and is available from iTunes and Amazon to download for 79p.

The boys knew someone who had been in Malaysia when the Tsunami hit and wanted to do something to help. They also have an album of their first songs, called Sky's Gone Black.

In 2008 they entered the

UK Songwriting Contest and three of the four songs entered in the adult contemporary category made it to semi-final positions; placing them in the top 15 per cent of over 6,200 entrants from around the world.

Parents Steve and Alison said the boys were very dedicated and practised every night using an electric drum kit but Scott was still managing to keep A grades at school.

The group are now established on the Devon and

Dorset circuit but looking to branch out more into Somerset and were very grateful to Mr Rutter for giving them a foot in the door. They hope other venues in the area will give them a chance to show what they can do.



■ **ENCOURAGING YOUNG TALENT:** Royal Oak landlord Steve Rutter with teenage band Wise Intentions



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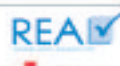


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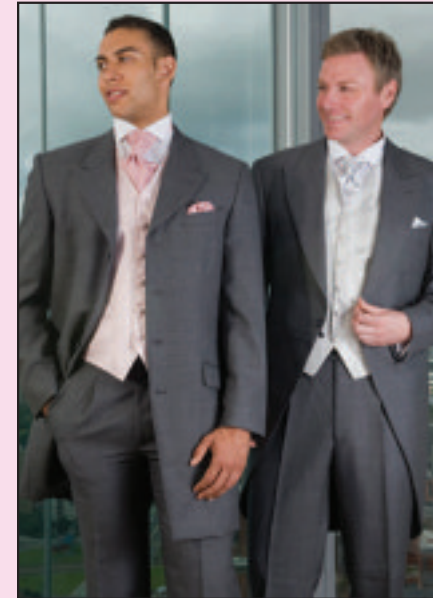
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Top Led Zeppelin tribute return to the Marine Theatre

DESPITE disbanding in 1980 after the untimely death of their drummer John Bonham, Led Zeppelin's reputation and legacy of incredible songs continue to survive and appeal to an ever increasing audience of fans, who in the absence of the original, will have to make do with the UK's ONLY full time professional Led Zeppelin tribute band, *Whole Lotta Led*.

From humble beginnings fourteen years ago the Gloucestershire based band have progressed to playing major venues throughout the country, some of which Led Zeppelin themselves actually played.

Whole Lotta Led are no 'Stars In Their Eyes' look-alikes, they concentrate on the music which is performed with a collective enthusiasm and dedication that is second to none.

Whole Lotta Led are undoubtedly the hardest working Zep tribute in the UK, and possibly the world, playing over 100 gigs a year to enthusiastic audiences of all ages throughout the UK.

The current line up has been together for ten years now and consists of Nick Ferris on guitar, Geoff Hunt on bass, Graham Twist on drums and Lee Addison on vocals and harmonica. In 2009 the band celebrated their 1,000th gig.

Their shows consist of songs from the entire Zeppelin back catalogue including the all time classics 'Whole Lotta

Love' and of course 'Stairway To Heaven', the band also regularly include a selection of Led Zeppelin's acoustic numbers in their shows.

Given the thumbs-up by no less a guitar god than Jimmy Page himself, Whole Lotta led are THE Led Zeppelin tribute band.

Recommended as one of the UK's top tribute bands by 'Classic Rock' magazine, the band are now regularly selling out venues so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment!

Further information about the band can be found on their website www.wholelottaled.co.uk

Whole Lotta Led play at the Marine Theatre on Saturday, February 11th. Doors open 7.30pm with the band onstage at 8pm. Tickets cost £12, or £10.50 for concessions, and a TheatreFriends discount is available.



HARD ROCKING | Whole Lotta Led are regarded as one of the top Led Zeppelin tributes

Young Ambassadors of the 21st Century

CREWKERNE Lions Club hosted the finals of the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century at Clapton Village Hall last Sunday afternoon. This competition is open to young people aged 15 -19 who in their own way have made a difference in their communities by the service they have given.

There were seven finalists, sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Axminster and District; Crewkerne; Falmouth and Penryn; Ilminster; Sidmouth; Tavistock and Torpoint and Rame. Three of the candidates; Natalie Jennings, Stefan Colburn and Kieran Spurway, are students at Holyrood Community College, Chard.

The candidates were involved a variety of projects including working as young leaders in scouts, guides and cadets; running Youth Cafes to give young people a safe place to enjoy evenings out; mentors for younger students in schools; helping with the disabled and fund raising for charities.

The panel of three judges consisted of a local councillor; the head teacher of a school for pupils with learning and behavioural difficulties and a previous winner of the competition who has gone on to practice law.

The chairman of the panel, Councillor Mike Best, said that what these young people had achieved was truly astonishing and that they were all winners. It had been a really difficult task choosing just one who would go on to represent the SW District in the National Finals in Birmingham next month. Their decision went to Rhiannon Close from Falmouth in Cornwall, a Petty Officer in the Sea Cadets who has been very involved with instructing others in seamanship and also with sailing for the blind.

"It has been a fantastic success", said District Officer Lion Fred Broom. "We were able to put on a lovely roast dinner for all our candidates, their families and the Lions who supported them. We have entertainment provided by the highly talented Mandy B and harpist Jessica Dalwood and everybody who came said how impressed they were with the talented young people they had met and listened to. We have a really great team in Crewkerne Lions and it is a privilege to be a part of them."

Going Out Gigs

Fun with the Fish



CALIFORNIAN ska punk heros Reel Big Fish come to Yeovil on Tuesday, February 7th, when they play at the Westland Leisure Complex.

The band, renowned for their high-energy live shows, are also well known for their reworked cover versions of songs including Aha's 'Take On Me', Toots & The Maytals 'Monkey Man' and Duran Duran's 'Hungry Like The Wolf'.

Tickets cost £16.50, and are available from www.westlandonline.co.uk, or by calling the box office on 01935 848380.

Best of local produce at Crewkerne Farmers Market this weekend

THE monthly Crewkerne Farmers Market is this coming Saturday, January 21st, in Falkland Square from 9am to 1pm.

Leakers will be there with their range of breads, from chilli bread to spelt, and Simply Cooking with delicious cakes and pastries. Quality local cheeses from Greens and Wootton Organic Dairy sheep cheese. Beech Ridge free range poultry, Barley Mow beef and tasty ready meals, Old Castle Farm pork and Wylde Meadow lamb plus Westcountry Water Buffalo. Flaxdrayton organic veg and Dorset Down

mushrooms.

The winners of our Christmas Draw are Mrs Gillian Tettmar from East Chinnock and Mrs Joan Eason from Crewkerne. Both the lucky winners receive a Farmers Market bag and £10 token to spend at the market. The Farmers Market jute bags are available to buy, price £3 each or two for £5.

For farmers market dates across Somerset and details of all the producers visit www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk or pick up a leaflet when you visit Crewkerne on Saturday.

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Singing superstars launch Concerts in the West 2012 season

Going Out Gigs

TWO young rising opera stars will be joining forces for the February launch (Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th) of Concert in the West's 2012 series of classical concerts in Somerset, Dorset and Devon. Silver voiced tenor Nathan Vale and flame-haired Irish soprano Sarah Power promise performances of passion, power and beauty as they wow audiences with a spine tingling selection from Handel, Schumann, R Strauss, Tosti, Donizetti, Verdi, Gounod and Bernstein. Accompanying them will be the stunning Spanish born pianist Anna Cardona, an award winning soloist in her own right.

Concerts in the West founder and Director Catherine Hodgson said: "I am confident that this trio of talents will blow away our audiences in Bridport, Ilminster and Hatherleigh. Nathan, Sarah and Anna are already outstanding performers and I am so excited to have them as the opening act for our 2012 series."

As winner of the 2006 London Handel Singing Competition, Nathan Vale lives up to his reputation as "a fast rising star of the baroque world". His singing has been described as having: "wonderful clarity of tone and graceful phrasing." Critics have commented: "his elegant stylish tenor is a delight to listen to" and



Nathan Vale

have hailed him as "an important new tenor who can cope with the demands of the most florid baroque writing".

Radiant is an adjective frequently applied to Sarah Power, who was a finalist in the 2010 London Handel Singing Competition and winner of the LBS Bach Singers Prize. She was also awarded second prize in the prestigious Kathleen Ferrier Singing Competition at the Wigmore Hall. Sarah's voice have been hailed as: "breath-takingly beautiful" and "her flowing, unforced singing gave much pleasure".

Anna Cardona is the 2010 winner of the MBF accompanist's prize at the Kathleen Ferrier Competition and a prizewinner at the Oxford Lieder Young Artist Platform 2011. Recent performances have included venues such as the Barbican Hall, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Crush Room in the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and Palau de la Musica in Barcelona.

Catherine Hodgson allows her musicians a reasonably free hand in their choice of repertoire, with some guidance from herself. But it is her intention not only to entertain, but also to interest and inform her audiences. So less familiar pieces are included in the programme as well



Sarah Power

as universal favourites.

Audiences at the February concerts will certainly not be disappointed with the sparkling content, which varies according to the venue. At Bridport Arts Centre the coffee concert will feature Handel, Richard Strauss, Tosti, Schumann, Donizetti and Verdi. While Ilminster Arts Centre and Devon's Lower Pulworthy's evening performances offer a packed programme of Handel, Schumann, R Strauss, Tosti, Donizetti, Verdi, Gounod and Bernstein.

◆ **The Bridport Coffee Concert takes place at 11am at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 3rd. Tickets cost £8 and are available from the box office on 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com**

The concert at Ilminster Arts Centre takes place on Friday, February 3rd at 8pm (a pre-show supper is available from 7pm), and tickets cost £12 - call the box office on 01460 54973 to book. The concert at Lower Pulworthy, Hatherleigh (EX21 5LQ - 01837 810940) takes place on Saturday, February 4th and tickets cost £12.

For more details on Concerts in the West visit www.concertsinthewest.org or call director Catherine Hodgson on 01460 53500



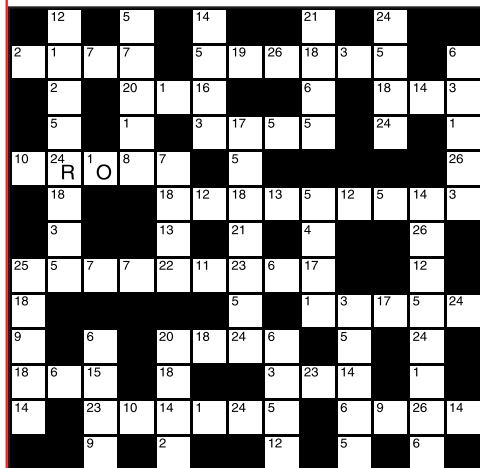
Anna Cardona

Brain Gym

No.152

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

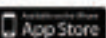
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Strict hand drafts a new order (4,3,4)
9. It's the least one can do (7)
10. Creed of a company in the red? Just the opposite (5)
11. Dependable form of alloy (5)
12. I turned badly, not yet having taken the test (7)
13. I am in pursuit in a carriage (6)
15. Fell, but kept quiet (3,3)
18. Overhead lines (7)
20. Money, enough for a puree, perhaps (5)
22. Part of the roof showing a blend of styles in part (5)
23. Smouldering anger (7)
24. Immediately erect a road (11)

Down

2. A negative in any trouble (5)
3. People with such depressions may still be happy (7)
4. Best sort of capital investment! (6)
5. In fact a point of view (5)
6. No ordinary member of the force (7)
7. What a nursery may ask for looking after one! (5,6)
8. Highwayman intent on cleaning up? (11)
14. His life may be in the balance (7)
16. Possibly a tropic fruit (7)
17. Demanding, like royalty? (6)
19. Stadium near a ruin (5)
21. Animal comes from the pet-shop and accepts food (5)

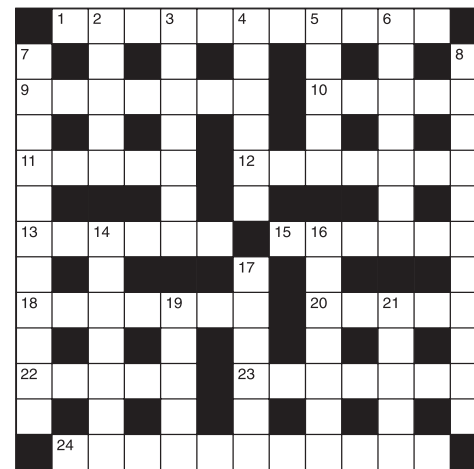
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Calamity (11)
9. Delicate (7)
10. Freight (5)
11. Happening (5)
12. Bounty (7)
13. Maintain (6)
15. Talented (6)
18. Vacation (7)
20. Sweeten (5)
22. Confine (5)
23. Passage (7)
24. News (11)

Down

2. Diminish (5)
3. Flier (7)
4. Triple (6)
5. Happen (5)
6. Crop (7)
7. A short time later (5,1,5)
8. Thoughtful (11)
14. A wise man (7)
16. Moment (7)
17. Method (6)
19. The same (5)
21. Zest (5)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Metalled; 5 Stem; 9 News; 10 Scorpion; 11 Utter; 12 Candida; 13 Crossword clue; 18 Underlay; 19 Slur; 20 Berated; 21 Bored; 22 Dodo; 23 Pacifist. Down: 2 Elector; 3 Answers; 4 Encyclopaedia; 6 Trivial; 7 Mandate; 8 Ironed; 13 Clubbed; 14 Ordered; 15 Sprite; 16 Cast off; 17 Usurers. QUICK - Across: 1 Ecstatic; 5 Laud; 9 Prop; 10 Acquires; 11 Tacit; 12 Notable; 13 Unrepresented; 18 Contract; 19 Myth; 20 Emotion; 21 Freak; 22 Norm; 23 Regulate. Down: 2 Certain; 3 Top-side; 4 Incandescence; 6 Acrobat; 7 Descend; 8 Subtle; 13 Unclean; 14 Rancour; 15 Permit; 16 Numeral; 17 Extract.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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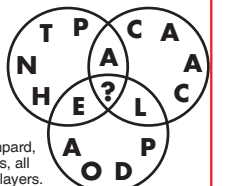
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

The letter represented by the question mark is L. Lampard, Hilario, Meireles, all Chelsea F.C. players.



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FRIDAY JANUARY 20TH

CREWKERNE: Country Market at the Henhayes Community Centre, from 9am-11:30am. All fresh local produce. Vegetables, cakes, bread, flowers and much more.

CLAPTON: Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration Public Meeting at Clapton and Wayford Village Hall, to make further plans for a village event. For more details call 01460 76540

SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST

CHARD: Peace Vigil at Holyrood Street from 11am-12noon.

CREWKERNE: Tea/coffee with a cake £1.50. Open to all. 10am-12noon at Henhayes Community Centre.

CHAFFCOMBE: Quiz at the Village Hall, from 7:30pm. Entry £3 per person with light supper included. Please bring own drinks but soft drinks and wine will be available for donations. Raffle. To help with catering arrangements, please ring Hillary on 01460 61996. In aid of C.R.Y. (Cardiac Risk in the Young).

WHITELACKINGTON: Table Top Sale and Bric-a-Brac at the Village Hall, from 10am-1pm. Telephone 01460 259565 for more information.

TUESDAY JANUARY 24TH

ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peace Group are holding a public meeting 'Arab Spring, British Shame', when Sharen Green from Campaign Against Arms Trade will explain Britain's recent and continuing efforts to sell arms to the regimes of the Middle East and North Africa. The meeting will be held in the Minster Rooms, at 7:30pm. All welcome - entry £3 including tea/coffee.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

SEAVINGTON ST MARY, NEAR ILMINSTER: The new micro brewery at the Volunteer Inn is going well, there will be a special brew on for Burns night on Wednesday, January 25th, there will also be a haggis pie available. So for one night only the Volunteer will be offering a Pie and Pint of their own brew for £8.50.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

- SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH

CREWKERNE: CUDOS presents the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at Victoria Hall. Performances at 7:30pm nightly, matinee at 2:30pm on Saturday. For tickets call 01460 74380 or go to the Community Office in Crewkerne.

FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH

TATWORTH: Film: 'Jane Eyre' at the Memorial Hall, from 8pm (doors open 7:15pm). Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

ILMINSTER: The Barrow Boys' Cockney Sing-A-Long with Wayne Adams & Pearlykingjim at The Shrubbery Hotel from 7:30pm. Tickets £15 to include a fish and chip supper, available by call 01823 413430 or 01460 54007. In aid of St Margaret's Hospice. Organised by the Rotary Club of Ilminster.

SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH

You can email your Diary Dates to rob@pemedia.co.uk

Deadline 12noon Wednesday. Unfortunately we cannot accept ongoing entries without a list of dates

MISTERTON: Misterton Tennis Club Annual Wine and Wisdom Evening at the Village Hall at 7:30pm. Teams of up to 6 individuals will be allocated to a team if possible. Ploughman's supper, cash bar. Entrance fee £5 per person. Names to Chris Ellis on 01460 74368.

MERRIOTT: New To You Sale in the Tithe Barn, from 10am-11:30am. Clothes, books, toys, bric-a-brac, tea and coffee. In aid of church funds. Telephone 01460 72704

SUNDAY JANUARY 29TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Lurcher and Terrier Winter Coursing Event at Station Road (TA18 8AL). Simulated coursing to start at 9.30am, with straight racing for lurchers and terriers to follow. Winners to qualify for the NRLC Racing Finals. £3 entry per dog for both coursing and straight racing. (Pre-entries required for coursing to be made calling or email - 07900190575 or zakthedingo@aol.com). Entry on the day £5. Hot buffet after racing at the Old Stagecoach Inn at £7 per head (booking required in advance). All profits split between NRLC and St Margaret's Hospice.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2ND -

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

CHARD: Chard Amateur Theatre Society (CATS) present 'Beauty & the Beast'. Evening performances are at 7.30pm with a matinee performance on the Saturday at 3pm. Tickets will go on sale at Barrons, Holyrood Street priced: Concessions (under 14 years & over 60 senior) £5; Adult £7 (stalls) £7.50 (balcony) and £8 (tier). For more information please phone 01460 65062.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

MISTERTON: Table Top Sale at Misterton WI Hall, Middle Street, from 10am-1:30pm. Variety of stalls including bric-a-brac, home bake, clothing, household items, make up, etc. Tables £6. Soup, sandwiches/light refreshments available. Free entry and on road parking. Proceeds to Multiple Sclerosis Society. Call 01460 271393 for more information.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

CREWKERNE: Dodgeball at the old sports hall, Wadham School, from 2:30pm. £20 per team of five. Call 07922 181054 to register by January 22nd. New team very welcome. In aid of the British Heart Foundation.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

MISTERTON: Coffee Morning at Misterton WI Hall, Middle Street. Enjoy a Coffee and scone for £1, and chat amongst friends. Bring and Buy Stall. Everybody welcome. Call 01460 74808 for info.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

DONYATT: Heritage Theatre presents 'Anything Goes' at the Village Hall, from 7pm for 7:30pm. Price £9 - includes two course supper during interval. Bar. Join us for an evening of fun with songs, words and music. Organised by Hall Committee for Hall Improvement Fund. Telephone 01460 53879 for tickets / information.

Going Out Film

This week's new releases

HAYWIRE¹⁵

FREELANCE covert operative Mallory Kane (Gina Carano) is hired out by her handler to various global entities to perform jobs which governments can't authorize and heads of state would rather not know about. After a mission to rescue a hostage in Barcelona, Mallory is quickly dispatched on another mission to Dublin. When the operation goes awry and Mallory finds she has been double crossed, she needs to use all of her skills, tricks and abilities to escape an international manhunt, make it back to the United States, protect her family, and exact revenge on those that have betrayed her.

Also stars Channing Tatum, Michael Angarano, Michael Douglas, Ewan McGregor and Antonion Banderas.



CORIOLANUS¹⁵

THE citizens of Rome are hungry. Coriolanus (Ralph Fiennes), the hero of Rome, a great soldier and a man of inflexible self-belief despises the people. His extreme views ignite a mass riot. Rome is bloody. Manipulated and out-manoeuvred by politicians and even his own mother Volumnia, Coriolanus is banished from Rome. He offers his life or his services to his sworn enemy Tul-

lus Aufidius (Gerard Butler). Coriolanus and Aufidius march on Rome intending to destroy the city. Volumnia appeals to her son. He tries to reject her but eventually breaks.

J. EDGAR¹⁵

AS the face of law enforcement in America for almost 50 years, J. Edgar Hoover (Leonardo DiCaprio) was feared and admired, reviled and revered. But behind closed doors, he held secrets that would have destroyed his image, his career and his life.

Also stars Josh Hamilton, Cheryl Lawson and Geoff Pierson.

THE SITTER¹⁵

COLLEGE student Noah Griffith (Jonah Hill) is suspended, and is coaxed into babysitting the kids next door. Little does he know of the wild night ahead.

Also stars Sam Rockwell, Ari Graynor and JB Smoove.

UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (3D)¹⁸

WHEN human forces discover the existence of the Vampire and Lycan clans, a war to eradicate both species commences. The vampire warriorress Selene (Kate Beckinsale) leads the battle against humankind. Also star Stephen Rea, Michael Ealy and India Eisley.

W.E¹⁵

A TWO-TIERED romantic drama focusing on the affair between King Edward VIII and American divorcée Wallis Simpson and a contemporary romance between a married woman and a Russian security guard.

Stars Abbie Cornish, Andrea Riseborough and James D'Arcy, directed and co-written by Madonna.

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The Iron Lady^{12A}

Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.30, 17.00, 19.45

Sat: 20.45

Sun: 17.00, 19.45

The Artist^{PG}

Daily: 12.30, 15.15, 17.40, 20.00

Mission: Impossible

Ghost Protocol^{12A}

Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.40, 20.45

Sat: 11.50, 14.40

Sun: 11.50, 14.40, 20.45

Sherlock Holmes:

A Game Of Shadows^{12A}

Daily: 15.00, 18.00, 21.00

Plus Sat & Sun: 12.00

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo¹⁸

Daily: 17.30

J. Edgar¹⁵

Daily: 14.10, 17.05, 20.15

Plus Sat & Sun: 11.00am

The Sitter¹⁵

Daily: 12.35, 14.45, 16.45, 19.05, 21.15,

plus Sun: 10.30am

Underworld: Awakening in 3D¹⁸

Daily: 12.50, 15.00, 17.10, 19.20, 21.30,

plus Sat & Sun: 10.40am

Haywire¹⁵

Daily: 14.00, 16.20, 18.40, 21.00

Plus Sat & Sun: 11.40am

Alvin and the Chipmunks:

Chipwrecked^U

Sat: 13.00, 15.00

Sun: 11.00, 13.00, 15.00

Puss In Boots in 2D^U

Sat & Sun: 11.00, 13.20

The Lion King in 2D^U

Sat: 10.00am

Rio in 2D^U

Sat: 10.10am

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Happy Feet 2 in 2D^U

Sat & Sun: 10.45, 13.00

Haywire¹⁵

Daily: 14.25, 16.35, 19.00, 21.15

Plus Sat & Sun: 12.15

Hugo in 3D^U

Sat & Sun: 11.00am

Mission: Impossible -

Ghost Protocol^{12A}

Daily: 14.00, 17.00

Puss In Boots in 2D^U

Sat & Sun: 10.20, 12.15

Puss In Boots in 3D^U

Sat & Sun: 11.15, 13.15

Rio in 2D^U

Sat & Sun: 10.10am

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Tue: 21.00

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Daily: 15.15, 17.45, 20.00

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MESSY CHURCH RETURNS AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK

MESSY Church is back after a short Christmas break on Thursday, January 26th, at Chard Baptist Church, Holyrood Street, Chard, from 4-6pm. The theme for this session is "God's Rules For Life". The event is aimed at children up to the age of 11, though older children are welcome. There is a crèche for the youngest children too. Children must be accompanied by an adult carer, and the hope is that the whole family will attend together.

The event, which is supported by Chard Churches Together, begins with a drink and a biscuit, before the really fun activities begin, in which children and adults alike can take part. This culminates in a short, informal worship session, followed by a meal. All this is free but donations towards the cost can be made if desired.

Chard Folk Dance Club enjoy first dance of the new year

IT was the start of a New Year of folk dancing for the members of Chard Folk Dance Club, but there was something comfortingly familiar about the caller and musicians. John Chapman was the first caller of the year which was quite fitting as he was one of the original callers when the club was first founded over forty years ago. The musicians were Ivor and Holly, again, longstanding friends of the club.

John chose a mixture of dances. Some were familiar favourites, others less so, but all designed to help the members work off the Christmas excesses. John started with a dance called East Meets West. Other

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There were the usual mid session refreshments and raffle with a plethora of prizes.

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• **4.5-litre V8 turbodiesel engine gains diesel particulate filter and meets Euro 5 emissions standards**

• **On sale from 1 March, price £62,285**

Following its recent unveiling at the Brussels motor show, the Land Cruiser V8 has been readied for launch in the UK on 1 March. As the ultimate Land Cruiser, the model comes newly equipped with advanced technologies for off-road driving, as well as an impressive array of luxury features. The single version has a £62,285 on-the-road price.

Design

The Land Cruiser V8

gains a new frontal design, anchored by a new-look bumper, grille and foglights, plus new headlamp units that feature high-intensity discharge units and LED daytime running lights. The UK model is fitted with new black roof rails, side mouldings with chrome details and new-design 20-inch alloy wheels.

The rear light units have also been refashioned and LED turn indicators have been integrated into the door mirrors.

UK customers can choose from eight exterior colours, including two new to the model range: Pearl White and Pure White.

Inside, the principal changes include new, air conditioned/heated front seats, a central cool box, heated steering wheel and all-round improvements to the quality and appearance of the trims and finishes.

New off-road handling and driver assistance systems

The changes in equipment specifications are led by the introduction of a comprehensive array of handling and driver-assistance systems that work together to make the full spectrum of off-road driving scenarios easier and safer to negotiate.

The new features include:-

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via four external cameras Tyre Angle Display, displayed together with the predicted tyre path guidelines on the Multi-terrain Monitor, showing changes in steering angle between zero and 45 degrees

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Powertrain

Land Cruiser V8 retains its 4.5-litre V8 turbodiesel engine and six-speed automatic transmission, with adjustments to bring exhaust emissions in line with Euro 5 standards. These include the addition of diesel particulate filter (DPF) and new fuel injectors in the common rail system. Maximum power is 268bhp (200kW) at 3,600rpm, and maximum torque of 650Nm is delivered between 1,600 and 2,800rpm.

Toyota Touch Pro

Land Cruiser V8's adoption

of new technologies includes the standard provision of Toyota Touch Pro, an advanced multimedia and navigation system with a digital tuner, Bluetooth and a rear-view camera. Controlled by means of a new eight-inch central touchscreen colour monitor, it offers advanced route planning and display functions, with voice controls, 3D landmark representation and "one-shot" destination input. Easy connection and integration can be made with mobile phones to download contacts, send and receive text messages (including a text-to-voice function) and e-mail.

The system also delivers on-board internet connectivity, using a compatible mobile phone and registration via a Toyota-customer portal. Linking to Google Local Search, drivers can obtain a wide range of information and useful services for more efficient journeys, including data on local parking availability and fuel prices, and the option to download online points-of-interest as journey destinations. Access is also provided to TPEG data on traffic flows and weather conditions.

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Entertainment option

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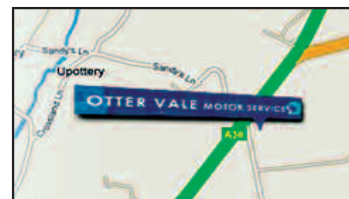
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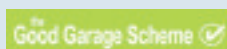
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JACK HIGH BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Ilminster duo in national final

CHARD with Penny Herrick

Chard Short Mat bowls players have had another busy week in the East Devon League and in the Milford & Dormor Afternoon Triples League.

On January 11th Chard 'B' played against Seaton Cliff in the East Devon League and lost by 5 games to 3. Two days later Chard 'A' drew 4-4 at home against Colyton.

Meanwhile, last Thursday the Merriott Canaries edged an 11-10 win over the high-flying Chard Magpies. The Chard Greyhounds played against the Chard Hurricanes, and in another close game, the Greyhounds emerged with a 12-10 victory.

◆ Results: Canaries 11 Magpies 10, Greyhounds 12 Hurricanes 10, Westway 12 Harlequins 15.

CURRENT SEATON & DISTRICT SHORT MAT BOWLS TABLES

Afternoon D2	P	W	D	L	Shot Diff	Pts
Colyton.....	6	4	0	2	160	8
Musbury.....	5	2	3	0	59	7
Sidford A.....	5	3	0	2	-14	6

COMBE St N.....	6	2	2	2	-34	6
CHARD A.....	6	2	1	3	-28	5
Sidford B.....	7	1	3	3	-86	5
Sidbury.....	5	1	1	3	-57	3

Afternoon D3	P	W	D	L	Shot Diff	Pts
Hemyock A.....	6	4	2	0	177	10
Seaton Cliff D.....	6	4	1	1	74	9
CHARD B.....	8	4	0	4	118	8
Seaton Cliff C.....	7	3	0	4	-68	6
Musbury B.....	6	2	1	3	-151	5
Hemyock B.....	7	1	0	6	-150	2

MILFORD & DORMER MIXED TRIPLES

	P	W	D	L	Shot Diff	Pts
Greyhounds.....	10	7	0	3	27	14
Magpies.....	9	6	1	2	49	13
Hurricanes.....	11	5	1	5	-6	11
Harlequins.....	10	5	1	4	-12	11
Canaries.....	10	5	0	5	-19	10
East Coker.....	2	1	6	-	-14	5
Westway.....	9	2	0	7	-25	4

CREWKERNE SHORT MAT BC with Gordon Bodily

ON January 9th the visitors for our first match of 2012 were South Petherton for a mixed friendly.

Rink scores: T Moll, G Saunders & B Brasier won 11-9. J Brasier, C Thackaberry & B Green drew 8-8. S Howard, G Bodily, & A Spinney won 17-6. J Lane, T Harris, J Lacey won 9-6. Final score Crewkerne 45 South Petherton 30.

CHARDSTOCK BOWLS (Indoors)

with Gordon Bodily

FOR our first game of 2012 last Saturday a team of 12 travelled to Madeira BC Exmouth for a mixed friendly.

Rink scores: V Cole, B Howard, G Bodily & K Wakelin lost 12-29. A Sebright, B Sluman, D Eldridge & M Toms lost 13-16. C Bradford, S Dando, M Davenport & N Denslow lost 17-19. Final score Madeira 64 Chardstock 42.

ILMINSTER with Des Maull

ILMINSTER played won 46-29 in the Somerset & Devon Mixed league at North Petherton.

Ilminster rinks; Lyn Williams, Heather Sims, Andy Williams and Barry Sims 26 K Squire 16. Des Maull, Penny Stow, Eric Keitch and John Osborne 20 R Milton 13.

In the National Mens Double rink Ilminster played Purnells and won by 20 shots.

Ilminster rinks; Brian McCoombes, Barry Sims, Jason Miles and John Ridout. Roland Garland, Andy Williams, Kevin Hamilton and Peter Mattravers.

The Ladies Played Taunton Deane in the National Double rink losing by 11 shots, Ilminster rinks; Amy Garland, Heather Sims, Penny Stow and June Checketts, Lyn Williams, Myra Childs, Maureen Mitchell and Angie Watkins.

Brian McCoombes and Roland Garland have reached the Final of the National over 60s Pairs beating Terry Dodge and John Parsons from Donyatt 25-13.

Meanwhile, three Ilminster bowlers Bill Anderson, Matt Hamilton and Mark Denslow played for Somerset in the 13 shot win over Essex in the quarter-final of the Liberty Trophy. The semi-final will be against Dorset.

Chard edged out by leaders

CHARD 2ND XI 0 TEIGN A 2

Chard men's hockey 2nd XI returned to league action following the Christmas break at home to table-topping Teign.

In a match where the team's mixture of youth and experience acquitted itself well, they lost out to two first-half lapses of defensive concentration.

Teign showed plenty of confidence when attacking but were fragile in defence and Chard created plenty of chances. Lee Slade went close more than once from opportunities carved out by Andy Swain's crosses, while Swain himself, Trevor Goss and second-half substitute Bertie Squires all had efforts on target saved.

After matching Teign in the opening exchanges and falling behind to two goals in five minutes, Chard bounced back well before half-time to finish on the front foot. They continued to compete on equal terms after the interval, aided by Toby Squires doing an excellent shadowing job on Teign's skilful young centre-forward, completely marking him out of the game.

Chard withstood a late barrage of penalty corners, with Richard Green making several fine saves.

◆ Umpires: Jim Sainsbury and Alan Cheffey.

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■ **LOCKING HORNS:** The Chard front row of Brian Sugar, Jon Hendy and Nick Hyslop prepare to meet their Stroud counterparts head-on in Saturday's 75-10 victory (see report on page 38). Photo by Keith Rendell



Hurford set to miss next two months

CHARD Town manager Nik Flory was pleased with last weekend's point from the goalless draw at home to Calne Town, he said: "I think we just shaded the game with the chances we created."

"A point's a point and to take four off a side that is chasing promotion shows how far we have progressed."

Next up for the sixth-placed Robins is tomorrow's trip to Hengrove athletic for a date with another of the leagues in-form sides. "They (Hengrove) have been playing well of late, but we go into the game on a seven game unbeaten run and will look to pick up another important three points" said Flory.

"It would also be nice to get our first league double of the season" said Flory who has an injury doubt over Jamie Barfoot.

Definitely missing will be Mark Scott, Sam Johnson and Gary McAuley.

Meanwhile striker Jon Hurford is set to miss the next two months through work commitments "He will be a big loss" said Flory.

◆ Squad: Ryan Peacock, Stu Parris, Dan Cleal, Gary Knight, George Chlopecki, Sam Spurway, Gary Spiller, Liam Cleal, Nath Warren, Andy Martin, Chris Gardner, Sam Clarke, Luke Finn, Adam Cole, Adam Fricker.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gillingham Tn.....	22	14	3	5	59	37	45
Cadbury Heath.....	18	12	5	1	51	19	41
Melksham Utd.....	20	12	5	3	43	21	41
Calne Town.....	21	11	7	3	30	15	40
Bradford Town.....	23	10	6	7	45	26	36
CHARD TOWN.....	23	10	6	7	43	32	36
Keynsham Tn.....	23	9	9	5	35	28	36

SOMERSET LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

WHEN the current season comes to an end in May Ilminster Town may ultimately live to rue the two points they dropped last week-end as they were held to a 2-2



■ **BIG LOSS:** Jon Hurford

draw by lowly Shepton Mallet.

Top-scorer Alex Paul moved to 15 for the season as he bagged both Blues' goals and also tested

the visitors woodwork.

Tomorrow Ilminster travel to top-of-the-table Weston St Johns who also slipped up last weekend as they too were held to a 2-2 draw with Burnham United springing the surprise.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weston St J.....	19	11	2	6	51	35	35
Larkhall Res.....	19	10	2	7	37	35	32
Yatton Athletic.....	19	9	2	8	47	40	29
ILMINSTER.....	17	8	4	5	39	27	28
Bristolington Res.....	16	8	4	4	33	24	28
Street Res.....	18	9	2	7	29	24	28
Cleeve West.....	19	8	3	8	32	26	27
Clutton.....	16	8	3	5	30	25	27

DIVISION TWO (WEST)

A DAN Collins goal was enough to earn Combe St Nicholas all three points as they finally returned to league action with a 1-0 win at Worle last weekend. "It could have been four or five" said manager Ivor Hutchings.

The Saints, back up to third as a result, travel to Creech St Michael

tomorrow before a run of five successive home fixtures during which they will look to extend their imperious 100 per cent home record.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wrighton Red.....	15	10	2	3	42	15	32
Banwell.....	13	10	1	2	37	20	31
COMBE St NIC.....	15	10	1	4	34	20	31
Churchill Club.....	14	8	4	2	37	20	28
Wells City Res.....	14	6	4	4	26	22	22

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

DIVISION TWO

AFTER a week off Chard Town Reserves return to action with the visit of neighbours Honiton Town for a local derby at Zembard lane tomorrow.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tiverton Res.....	12	11	1	0	46	12	34
CHARD RES.....	14	8	4	2	27	16	28
Westex Res.....	13	7	2	4	27	18	23
Topsham Town.....	11	7	0	4	42	19	21
Halwill.....	11	6	1	4	30	26	19
Broadclyst.....	15	5	4	6	28	30	19

ON THE SPOT...



WEEKENDER SPORT puts Ilminster Town's ANDY WHITEFIELD UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q How long have you been involved in local football? Who have you played for?

A I have been playing locally for nine years but very little in the last three seasons due to two cruciate ligament injuries. I started playing in PSL for Seavington then went to Shepton Beauchamp Res and Ilminster Town Res. I then went on to play senior football for Ilminster and Chard Town. I'm currently assistant-manager for Ilminster Town A.

Q Name the best three players you played alongside?

A Shaun French - we used to play up top together for Shepton, he was great to play with, always very positive and always helped the younger players, sadly no longer with us. Sam Spurway - A strong defender who loves a battle and is a good reader of the game. Jonny Brister - we played youth football together for years. He has a great first touch and one of the best finishers I have played with.

Q What is the best away ground you've played on?

A I have always liked playing at Paulton Rovers, nice ground and have never lost there.

Q Do any games stick in your memory?

A Playing for Ilminster away at Mangotsfield - it was a midweek fixture, we turned up late with a scratch team then beat them 2-1. I managed to get both goals, bit of a 'smash-and-grab' job.

Q How would you improve things at Ilminster Town FC?

A The changing rooms desperately need updating and we could do with some better training facilities.

Q Can you recommend some young players we should look out for in the future?

A Taylor Jefferson - Promising striker with lots of pace. Brad Miles - Very good technically, can play in midfield or as a forward. Ben Brister - Ilminster Town A's very own Berbatov! great first touch and an eye for goal.

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SCRUM-DOWNRUGBY round-up

Crewkerne denied as vital last-gasp conversion creeps over

I HAD a family gathering to attend down in the Celtic fringes on Saturday last and certainly missed what was a very clinical performance by Chard, along with an agonising reversal for Crewkerne.

CHARD 75 STROUD 10

THIS game was as one-sided as the score suggests. The Chard scrummage was dominant throughout and, while Stroud enjoyed useable possession from their lineout, their attacks foundered generally on the home side's defensive line.

They were then reduced to kicking hard-won possession away, after which they found that the ball was being run back at them by the home back three with devastating effect. Add this fact to Chard's capability of winning the lion's share of set piece possession anyway, and a long afternoon for Stroud was the result.

They defended stoutly enough but, with the Chard off-loading game at its best, found that they were chasing shadows for much of the time as their opponents punched holes and ran through them.

A hat-trick of tries by flanker Ryan Hellier was the highlight of a first half, at the end of which the home side led 31-3, with Stroud's only success coming from a penalty goal.

At this juncture Chard rang the changes and, after taking a few minutes to settle in the second period, normal service was resumed by the home side. In fact no less than 40 home points came in the final quarter as the flood gates opened.

In all, Chard scored 12 tries. In addition to Hellier's three, Stead, Douglas and Elliott bagged two apiece, while Goetz, Hislop and Twigg also got on the score sheet.

Nicholls converted six of them and in fact opened the scoring by kicking a penalty goal.

Stroud did score a converted try in the second-half when their blind-side winger took advantage of a moments inattention on the part of the home narrow side defence during one of their very few moments of pressure.

It was of scant consolation however as Chard marched relentlessly on.

WIVELISCOMBE 2nd 0 CHARD 2nd 19

THIS game took place on what was something of a morass, with the playing of open, attacking rugby very much at a premium.

Chard were the better side and ground out a win, but were unable to claim a bonus point, something that they would very much like to have done to keep their promotion push on track.

The Chard third side were without a fixture as their scheduled opponents Wiveliscombe thirds have withdrawn from the league.

CREWKERNE 7 NORTH PETHERTON 2nd 8



■ TOUCHDOWN: JAMES Twigg breaches the Stroud line for one of Chard's 12 tries, whilst (inset) Neil Hawkins cruises over for one of his brace. Photos by KEITH RENDELL

IF Crewkerne were to maintain their promotion challenge then this was a game that they simply had to win. Agonisingly, they failed to do so by just three minutes and the width of a crossbar.

They had taken a half-time lead in this match against the league leaders with a try by winger Chris Wall who got out-side his marker and touched down for Nick Harris to convert when the contest was about ten minutes old.

Exchanges were even throughout and Petherton got a score back early in the second period when they crossed for an unconverted try. Sad to say but Crewkerne were wide with a subsequent kick at goal that would have taken them out of penalty goal range; then with just three minutes to go on the clock, the visitors won a penalty on the Crewkerne twenty two. The place kick brushed the crossbar as it went over.

Crewkerne had no time to mount a rally and, although they might still win a promotion place, their fate had now been taken out of their hands. It's a life of inches!

PREVIEW

TRYING to predict the result of the BARTON HILL v CHARD encounter on Saturday next is not easy, for the facts that emerge concerning the home side tend to be contradictory.

Although Barton Hill lie in the division's fourth place, they were bested by Chard very comfortably in the season's earlier fixture (47-12, I believe).

For a side that is very much in the top half of the table, their points differential is negligible (about plus forty). Recently they have struggled to beat sides at home whom Chard have disposed of on the road, but they do seem to have the enviable habit of winning their close games and deserve respect for this ability if for nothing else.

Chard continue to play good rugby and their finishing is

clinical at the moment. I think that this trait will continue on Saturday and that they will return with a bonus point win. They will have to hold focus however, and also will probably need to be patient.

In fact next Saturday will be a pivotal day in the Western Counties (North) division; for the clubs in second and third place meet. Matson, who have been hanging on in third place, take on Old Centralians and I am sure that the Chard camp will view that result with interest.

CREWKERNE travel to Somerton, a side in their division's mid table, and one who they have already beaten at home. They will, in all probability, still be smarting after last Saturday's reversal and will take their frustrations out on the home side. I take them to return with a bonus point win.

CHARD SECONDS entertain lowly MARTOCK and will feel that they have failed if they do not obtain a bonus point win over the division's strugglers.

I do have a bit of time for their opponents however. Although they struggle week in, week out, they rarely if ever concede a game and always field a side. They could be in for a long Saturday afternoon however!

The Somerset league Division Three (South) takes a break on Saturday, but CHARD THIRDS travel to play Frome thirds who play in the Dorset & Wilts Fourth Division.

I know very little about this opposition other than that they reside at the top of their league at the moment.

I do expect that Chard will call on all their low animal cunning however, and come away with the result.

Tomorrow's fixtures

Chard v Barton Hill (away); Chard 2nd v Martock; Chard 3rd v Frome 3rd (away). Crewkerne v Somerton (away).

with Keith Jenkin

TRIBUTE WESTN N	Pld	Pts			
CHARD.....	15	68	Minehead Barbar II.....	14	41
Old Centralians.....	15	64	Somerton.....	14	31
Matson.....	16	57	Taunton III.....	15	30
Hornets.....	16	47*	Ivel Barbarians II.....	15	29
Barton Hill.....	16	46	Wiveliscombe II.....	14	25*
Burnham-on-Sea.....	16	44*	Tor II.....	15	24*
Keynsham.....	16	43	Morganians.....	14	18
North Bristol.....	16	42	Bridgwater & Alb III.....	15	13*
Bristol Harlequins.....	15	34	Martock.....	14	5
Cirencester.....	16	33	(* adjusted)		
Whitehall.....	15	17	TRIBUTE SOM 3 (5th)	Pld	Pts
Yatton.....	16	17	Burnham-on-Sea II.....	9	41
Stroud.....	16	10	Wyvern.....	9	37
Gordon League.....	16	7	CHARD III.....	7	28
(* adjusted)			Wells III.....	9	27
			Tor III.....	8	19
TRIBUTE SOM 2 (5th)	Pld	Pts	North Petherton III.....	8	15
N.Petherton II.....	14	65	Castle Cary II.....	9	14
CHARD II.....	14	64	Minehead Barbar III.....	9	8
CREWKERNE.....	15	56	Wellington III.....	8	-9*
Cheddar Valley.....	15	54	(* adjusted)		

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Ilminster League

WEEK 14 - ROUND-UP NOMINATION CUP

Group A results;

Rockey's Rollers	205-10
(K.Wilmington 43, S.Hoskin & B.Welch 19)	
Royal Oak Faces	200-2
(M.Drayton 35, D.Haines 8), Nomads	307-12
(K.Keith 46, C.Miller 31)	
Hatch Eggs	179-0
(A.Lockyer 32, D.Knight & R.Coates 11), Donyatt BC	232-10
(P.Young 42, G.Pearce & P.Short 15)	
Wyndham Arms	211-2
(A.Carvell 41, S.Ball 16).	

Group B results;

Ashill Boys	214-2
(B.Smart 36, G.Keith 12) The Royals	252
(J.Miles 42, M.Grabham 20), Carnival	
Clingons	348-10
(A.Sims 53, S.Lee 17) Ashill Inn	329-2
(L.Mills 51, C.Male 28), King's Head	248-3
(I.Griffiths 34, G.Merrick &	

D.Crisp 26) Flyings Turkeys 266-9 (S.Spurway 49, M.Brown 24), Cricketers 240-2 (N.Matravers 45, G.White 15) Bell A (293-10 (R.Mullet 51, P.Speed 20).

Division A	Pld	Pts
Nomads (Q).....	7	71
Rockey's Rollers (Q).....	7	67
Royal Oak Faces (Q).....	7	60
Hatch Beagles (Q).....	7	53
Donyatt BC.....	7	33
Wyndham Arms.....	7	26
Wyndham Clang.....	7	21
Hatch Eggs.....	7	5

Division B	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys (Q).....	7	68
Carnival Cling (Q).....	8	68
Cricketers (Q).....	7	55
Ashill Inn (Q).....	8	55
Bell A.....	8	52
The Royals.....	8	49
Bell & Crown.....	8	42
Ashill Boys.....	8	22
King's Head.....	8	9

Crewkerne League

DIVISIONAL CUP - Preliminary rounds

DIVISION ONE

Super Sexy Six beat Disney by 33 pins, Football Club beat King Willy Dogs by 26 pins, Coachmen beat Rollers by 18 pins. Lost Boys beat The Fryers by 5 pins.

DIVISION TWO

Loud & Proud beat Sports 92 by 20 pins, Raptors beat Pinbusters by 14 pins, Skimmers beat Concorde by 2 pins.

DIVISION THREE

Sandbaggers beat Muppets by 17 pins, Willy Low Flyers beat Hung Like Horses by 10 pins, Chis Colts beat Club Fixers by 1 pin.

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Division 1	Pld	Pts	Division 3	Pld	Pts
Yeovil A.....	8	51	Misterton A.....	6	43
Sherborne A.....	7	47	Weymouth A.....	6	39
Melcombe Regis.....	8	40	South Petherton B.....	6	31
Ilminster.....	8	39	Somerton B.....	5	28
South Petherton.....	6	32	Bridport.....	6	28
Chard A.....	7	22	Martock C.....	7	11
Martock A.....	7	19			

Division 2	Pld	Pts	Division 4	Pld	Pts
Sherborne B.....	7	51	Yeovil C.....	7	49
Martock B.....	7	44	Sutton Montis.....	6	36
Somerton A.....	7	41	Misterton B.....	6	31
Beaminster A.....	6	29	Beaminster B.....	6	28
Yeovil B.....	6	23	Weymouth B.....	6	24
Chard B.....	7	22	Somerton C.....	5	12
Wincanton.....	6	20			

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Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom



Still plenty for Johnson to do

TO MANY fans it would appear that the return of Gary Johnson is all that is needed for Yeovil Town to win games.

If the reception he received as he was introduced to the fans at last Saturday's match against Tranmere Rovers was anything to go by, then the Glovers need not worry about a relegation dog-fight.

People remember the last Yeovil glory days when Johnson turned a famous non-league club into a League One outfit with two promotions in three years, and are looking for him to once again bring back those heady times.

However things have moved on, and whilst chairman John Fry and his board of directors steer the

club through dangerous waters by keeping the ship on an even keel, money is tight, and the prospects of funding new players is not good.

Gates at Huish Park have tumbled over the past few years and are currently at their lowest since the 2001-02 season; the year Johnson arrived, and Fry has told the former Latvian national team manager he will have to fund transfers by enticing the crowds back to Huish Park.

The club has lost around a million pounds in gate receipts over the last three years as the attendances have tumbled by a thousand a week to just above the three thousand mark.

Whilst the economy must be to

blame for some of the stay away fans, as a regular season ticket holder I have seen the decline in entertainment over the period, which to me has been the biggest turn-off.

Whilst you want your team to win, you can accept it if you have played well and have been beaten by a better side.

Unfortunately this has not been the case in recent seasons, and many like I no longer look forward to going to watch Yeovil, feeling it as a sense of duty rather than pleasure.

Everyone went away happy on Saturday thanks to Andy Williams' winner in the sixth minute of added time, and whilst it will take time for Johnson to get his squad

playing the way he wants and allow new faces to bed in, it won't be easy if Tranmere are an example of what is to come.

Their open attacking performance almost won them the day and if Robbie Weir's shot had not kindly bounced off the post back into Rob Gilmartin's arms in the 84th minute, it might have been a tearful return.

It looked that way after eight minutes when Nathan Jones' error forced Bondz N'Gala to pull the impressive Mustapha Tiraki back and earn a yellow card on the right corner of the penalty area.

The error was compounded when Weir drove the ball between the edge of the wall and just inside the near post; a great shot but

poor defending; who lined the wall up and why no one on the post?

The equaliser from on-loan Joe Edwards who along with fellow loanees Ryan Dickson and Dean Parrett looked sharp, cheered everyone up and Andy Williams' winner took the stand roof off.

I, like the majority it would seem, are glad that Fry has finally taken the bull by the horns and taken Terry Skiverton out of the firing line before it was too late, and Gary Johnson is the ideal replacement.

However the coronation is over; now comes the hard work of keeping Yeovil in League One.

Come on you Glovers!

STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE
reporting on the
Perry Street League



Division One rivals set to slug it out

SOUTH Petherton booked a place in the Somerset Junior Cup quarter-finals with a 2-1 win over Ilchester Juniors at Lightgate Lane last Saturday.

Adam Bourne gave the Magpies a 1-0 lead at the interval before Matt Corrick, normally a full-back but pressed into service up front, added a second 10 minutes after the restart. The visitors pulled one back but Gordon Childs' team eased home.

Pethy's opponents in the last eight could have been Crewkerne Town had they not been hammered 5-0 on their own Henhayes turf by Staple Grove after putting in a performance that manager Nick Murphy described simple as "an embarrassment".

◆ **FULL QUARTER-FINAL DRAW** (to be played on February 11th): Staple Grove v South Petherton, AFC Durbin or Mermaid United v Middlezoy Rovers, Odd Down v Meadow Rangers, Kinton Mandeville v Freshford United (holders).

PREMIER

FARWAY UNITED 4 COMBE RESERVES 1

FIRST-HALF strikes from Ernie Stobbs, Scott Burrough and James Salter, the pick of the goals, put Farway firmly in control at Eastlee Park.

The Saints, now six games without a point on their travels, pulled one back via a Wayne Behan penalty but Dylan Gair added a fourth for the hosts.

MERRIOTT ROVERS 2 BEAMINSTER 6

SIXTEEN-year-old Josh Baker was the star of the show as Beaminster moved back up to second place with a 6-2 drubbing of Merriott Rovers.

Baker put the visitors ahead in the 15th minute and headed a second on the half-hour.

Murray Legg put the game beyond Rovers with a speculative 25-yarder that squirmed under the 'keeper and into the bottom corner.

Baker bagged two more to extend the lead to 5-0 before some lapse defending allowed Kieran Tanner to reduce the arrears with a free header from a corner.

Will Allen made it 6-1 before James Parkhouse grabbed a late consolation.

PERRY STREET 1 WINSHAM UNITED 1

WINSHAM United slipped a place to third after they were held to a 1-1 draw by bottom-of-the-table Perry Street at Tatworth.

Sam Symes put the visitors ahead only for Ryan Mason to equalise five minutes before half-time.

WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK 2 LYME REGIS 5

LYME Regis extended their lead at the top of the Premier Division to a whopping 10 points with a 5-2 win at West & Middle Chinnock at Oxleaze.

The hosts took a shock early lead when defender Ashley Lock found himself unmarked at the far post and headed home from close range.

But the Seasideers were soon level when Adam Caddy crossed for Joe Bond to slot home via a defender for his 24th goal of the season.

A foul in the area then allowed Mark Bailey to put Lyme ahead from the penalty-spot. The midfielder then repeated the act, this time after a handball.

The Chinnocks pulled one back after the restart when Ollie Hutchings drilled home a shot through the crowded penalty area.

This set-up a nervy quarter-of-an-hour for the title chasing visitors before Will Mowbray tapped home a fourth and substitute Kieran White crossed for Steve Batey to round off the scoring in the last five minutes.

DIVISION ONE

JOSH Hunter's 20th goal of the season couldn't save Beaminster Reserves from a 2-1 home reverse at the hands of promotion-chasing Forton Rangers.

Forton took a 1-0 lead into the interval when Leigh Richardson netted from the penalty spot.

South Petherton target Andy Stevenson bagged the Rangers' winner.

Pete Peacock scored the only goal as Lyme Regis Reserves beat a struggling Norton outfit 1-0. The visitors turned up with a bare 11 players, no manager, no bagman and no linesman!

After a goalless first-half Shepton Beauchamp took the lead against visiting Netherbury when

Sam Murley scuffed a shot under Lee Cuff. This completely knocked the stuffing out of Netherbury and they never really recovered.

Pete Field added a second with a smart turn and shot, with a third coming from a Kris Hastings free-kick that took a wicked deflection. Murley added the fourth for Shepton who have now gone seven and half hours without conceding a goal.

Goals from Ricky Smith, Paul Richards, Neil Hawkins and Russell Hooker saw Misterton maintain their 100 percent home league record as Perry Street Reserves. Craig Studley netted the Mothers' consolation as they were beaten 4-1 at Unity Lane.

DIVISION TWO

DAN Dominguez took his tally to seven goals in a week with both Misterton reserves goals in the 2-2 draw at Charmouth. Missy looked on course for a welcome win only to be denied by a last minute own goal.

A John Allen strike couldn't save Thorncombe as they went down 2-1 at Pymore. Meanwhile a deflected strike from Aaron Hodges proved decisive as Crewkerne Town Reserves returned to the top spot with a 2-1 win at Uplyme.

Paul Gold put the visitors ahead with his 14th goal of the season. The Swallows equalised when top-scorer Gavin Fowler looped home a header.

But a shot from Hodges clipped off Adrian Strawbridge giving Lloyd Cleal in the Uplyme goal no chance.

Dowlsh & Donyatt moved back up into the promotion places after Matty Vinnal scored twice in a 5-3 victory at Chard Rangers.

Down at the wrong end of the table a Simon Cherry hat-trick earned Crewkerne Rangers a 3-1 win over doomed Hinton.

DIVISION THREE

BEN Mear, David Duarte, Rob Milsom, and a 20 yard bullet header from Lee Hames saw Chard United surge back to top-spot after a 4-0 win over Shepton Beauchamp Reserves at Jocelyn Park.

Chard manager James Govier was impressed, he said: "I'm delighted with the team's positive start to 2012 - it's a very important three points. If we continue to play like that for the next eight matches we have a great chance of promotion, but it's far from over, we have some massive games ahead of us."

The six-team relegation dog-fight stepped up a gear with Combe A gaining ground after a crucial 3-0 win over W & M Chinnock Reserves.

Elsewhere four of the other strugglers each gained a point after Forton Reserves were held to a 3-3 draw by Drimpton for whom Chris Rowsell scored twice, and two goals from Brad Masters earned Winsham United Reserves a 2-2 draw against Hawkchurch United at Baker's Field.

DIVISION THREE

THE promotion battle at the Rec was in the balance at half-time with hosts Ilminster A holding a slender 1-0 lead over Chard United Reserves courtesy of Ben Brister.

The second-half was a different story with Brister completing a hat-trick and Luke Woodard and Andy Fish both scoring twice. "It was only 1-0 at half-time but could of been a lot more but we came up against a class keeper in Wayne Lewis. Some of our play in the first half was outstanding, the second half we ran riot," said Blues' manager Sid Brown.

Meanwhile Chard Rangers Reserves ended a 20-game winless run as they beat Crewkerne Rangers Reserves 3-1 at Seavington. Alan Mansell, Dale Hutter and Wayne Leckett netted for the visitors who savoured their first victory in 11 months.

Finally Thorncombe Reserves' promotion bid received a blow as they were held to a 1-1 draw by Farway Reserves - Carl Clark scored for the Thorns.

PREVIEW

TWO of the form teams from Division One go head to head with a place in the **Somerset Intermediate Cup** quarter-finals at stake as Shepton Beauchamp head south to take on Misterton at Unity Lane.

This should be a cracker. Missy have won their last seven home games whilst Shepton have only been beaten once in their last 25 games in all competitions. If pushed I'll go with a home win - but it's sure

Perry Street Res



■ **MIDTABLE:** Perry Street Reserves face the short trip for a local-derby with Forton Rangers tomorrow. Line-up, standing from left: Nick Govier (manager), Chris Mears, Jake Board, Andrew Board, Russell Gage, Mike Barry, Kev Rowson, Ben McCaffery, Jamie Best, George Best. Front: Craig Studley, Jason Newbury, Alex Cunnold, Max Patch, Gary Male, James Carmichael.

to be close.

There's one **Challenge Cup** first round tie tomorrow with South Petherton entertaining Winsham United. The winners are at home against Perry Street in the quarter-final.

The Winsham second-string are also in cup-tie action as they welcome Forton Rangers Reserves in the round one of the **Bill Bailey Cup** with a home quarter-final against Combe A the incentive.

There is a full round of eight **Daisy Hutchings Cup** second round ties.

With the tournament now limited to teams from Division Two and below the three stand-out cup favourites are Dowlsh & Donyatt, South Petherton Reserves and Uplyme.

Both Dowlsh and Pethy look to be odds on for away wins as they travel to division three strugglers Drimpton and Lyme Bantams from Division four respectively.

It could be a different story for Uplyme who make th trip to Oxleaze to face West & Middle Chinnock Reserves. The Chinnocks have slipped of late and are on a three-game winless minislump.

But with both teams amongst the PSL's top scorers and both with a tendency to 'leave the back door open' expect goals!

Back in the **Premier Division** Perry Street have what on paper looks to be a chance of a first win of the season when they entertain Farway United.

The Devonians are always a tough proposition on their own Eastlee Park pitch but have never been the best travellers.

The Lyme Regis camp were impressed by the spirit of West & Middle Chinnock last weekend.

A similar showing could see them end a 10-game losing run on the road as they visit Beaminster.

There's a mid-table clash at Henhayes with Crewkerne Town looking to put last weekend's horror show behind them as they welcome an Ilminster Reserves side that has already pouched 16 points from a possible 21 away from home.

A win over visiting Perry Street Reserves will see Forton Rangers hit top spot in **Division One**. What Ilminster Colts would give for such an opportunity.

The Blues must start winning, beginning with tomorrow's visit of Netherbury who are without a win in six, if they are to avoid the drop into Division Two.

Top travels to second in **Division Four** as Combe B welcome Ilminster A to Slades Cross. A draw would suit both Thorncombe Reserves and Chard United Reserves who both have winable looking games against Unplyme Reserves and

Crewkerne Rangers Reseves respectively.

FIXTURES, JANUARY 21ST

(all 2pm ko unless stated)

DSOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP (1.45pm)

Misterton v Shepton Beauchamp

CHALLENGE CUP - R1

South Petherton v Winsham United

BILL BAILEY CUP - R1

Winsham United Res v Forton Rangers Reserves

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP - Last 16

Chard Rangers v Crewkerne Rangers

Drimpton v Dowlsh & Donyatt

Hinton v Misterton Reserves

Luso-Chard v Shepton Beauchamp Reserves

Lyme Regis Bantams v South Petherton Res

Millwey Rise Reserves v Barrington Reserves

Waytown Hounds v Hawkchurch United

West & Middle Chinnock Reserves v Uplyme

PREMIER

Beaminster v West & Middle Chinnock

Crewkerne Town v Ilminster Town Reserves

Perry Street v Farway United

DIVISION ONE

Forton Rangers v Perry Street Reserves

Ilminster Town Colts v Netherbury

Lyme Regis Reserves v Beaminster Reserves

DIVISION FOUR

Chard United Reserves v Uplyme Reserves

Combe B v Ilminster Town A

Hawkchurch United Res v Farway United Res

Thorncombe Res v Crewkerne Rangers Res

ON TARGET

Matt Corrick and (inset) Adam Bourne who scored the goals in South Petherton's cup victory



AS THEY STAND

PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyme Regis	12	12	0	0	62	14	36
Beaminster	12	8	2	2	31	13	26
Winsham Utd	13	8	2	3	37	24	26
Ilminster Res	9	6	2	1	20	12	20
Crewkerne Town	9	4	3	2	27	14	15
South Petherton	9	4	2	3	23	16	14
Combe Res	13	3	4	6	19	35	13
Farway United	11	3	1	7	24	28	10
Merriott Rovers	12	2	2	8	13	42	8
W & M Chinnck	11	1	2	8	15	42	5
Perry Street	12	0	2	10	17	47	2

DIV ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shepton Beau	12	9	3	0	30	10	30
Forton Rangers	13	9	1	3	38	22	28
Millwey Rise	10	9	0	1	42	10	27
Misterton	12	8	2	2	30	20	26
Lyme Regis Rs	12	6	1	5	17	25	19
Netherbury	13	5	1	7	31	32	16
Beaminster Rs	11	3	2	6	21	24	11
Perry Street Rs	11	3	2	6	17	30	11
Barrington	11	2	1	8	19	25	7
Norton Athletic	13	2	1	10	16	41	7
Ilminster Colts	10	1	0	9	13	35	3

DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewkerne Res	11	8	1	2	35	18	25
Dowlsh & Don	14	7	4	3	41	28	25
S.Petherton Res	10	7	2	1	41	20	23
Chard Rangers	12	6	4	2	30	23	22
Pymore	13	7	0	6	44	31	21
Thorncombe	12	6	2	4	35	29	20
Uplyme	13	5	4	4	46	27	19
Crewkerne Town	12	4	1	7	29	36	13
Charmouth	13	2	3	8	21	42	9
Misterton Res	11	2	3	6	23	45	9
Hinton	13	1	0	12	13	59	2*

DIV THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chard United	12	9	2	1	34	17	29
Waytown Hds	12	8	2	2	39	20	26
W&M Chinn Rs	11	6	1	4	47	38	19
Millwey Res	12	5	3	4	42	36	18
Luso-Chard	12	5	1	6	35	31	16
Winsham Res	10	3	3	4	27	30	12
Combe A	9	3	3	3	24	27	12
Forton Res	11	3	3	5	25	44	12
Shepton Res	12	3	2	7	21	28	11
Hawkchurch	12	2	4	6	31	36	10
Drimpton	13	2	4	7	33	51	10

DIV FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ilminster A	11	8	1	2	47	15	25
Combe B	11	7	2	2	36	15	23
Chard Utd Res	13	7	2	4	36	35	23
Thorncombe Rs	10	6	3	1	25	12	21
Barrington Res	11	5	4	2	38	22	19
Lyme Bantams	11	0	5	0	40	23	18
Farway Utd Res	10	4	4	2	24	18	16
Crewk Rang Rs	12	4	1	7	36	39	13
Uplyme Res	13	4	1	8	22	65	13
Hawkchrch Res	11	1	9	21	49	4	9
Chard Rang Res	12	1	1	10	20	52	4

(* = Points deducted)

leading scorers

Premier: J.Bond (Lyme Regis) 24, R.Hebditch (Ilminster Town), 19 for S.Petherton) 19, Ad Caddy (Lyme Regis) 16.
Division One: S.Dibling (Millwey Rise) 28, T.Emmett (Millwey Rise) 26, J.Hunter(Beaminster Res), S.Murley (Shepton B) 20.
Division Two: S.Packer (Thorncombe) 19, L.Mears (Dowlsh & Donyatt) 15, G.Fowler (Uplyme) 13.
Division Three: T.Menalino (Waytown Hounds) 24, A.Cooper (W & M Chinnock Res) 15, I.Costa (Luso-Chard) 13.
Division Four: P.Peacock (Lyme Bantams) 25, G.Jenkins, B.Brister (both Ilminster A) 11.



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